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For: SCREENING METHOD	)	

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement includes a certification as specified by Section 1.97(e).

Each document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication.

Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached.  
No U.S. patent publications are listed. An English translation of the Nakamura et al.  
document is enclosed.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents  
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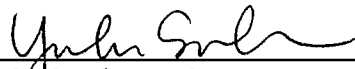
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Respectfully submitted,

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